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Simon & Garfunkel postpone concerts

MUSIC Simon & Garfunkel will still play in Halifax — it's just going to be later than first thought.

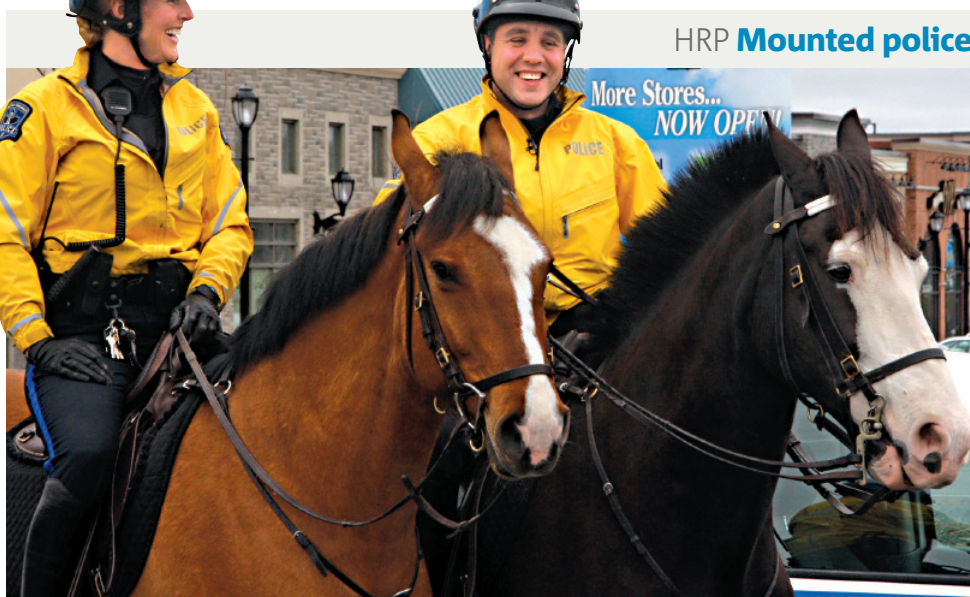
The back-to-back Simon & Garfunkel concerts scheduled for the Halifax Metro Centre next month have been rescheduled for July 24 and 25.

It was announced on the duo's website its North American tour has been put on hold citing a vocal strain to Art Garfunkel. The tour began Saturday in New Orleans and was to continue tonight in Vancouver.

The original dates for Halifax were May 17 and 18. Tickets issued for those dates will be honoured at the door.

The rescheduled dates now fall on the same weekend as Halifax Rocks 2010. The two-day outdoor show on the Halifax Common runs July 23 and 24, highlighted by the Black Eyed Peas.

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Halifax Regional Police's Const. Dianne Woodworth and Const. Chris Marinelli share a laugh on their respective police horses yesterday in Dartmouth. Cruise, being ridden by Woodworth, and Sarge are HRP's two police horses and they're back on the beat with the warm weather now here. **Story, page 6**

HRM, fire dept facing lawsuits over Spryfield fire

BLAZE Insurance companies representing homeowners from last spring's wildfire in Spryfield are slapping the Halifax Regional Municipality and its fire department with lawsuits.

The lawsuits are concerning the efforts of fire fighters in the blaze that destroyed eight homes, damaged 10 others and forced hundreds of people into rescue shelters.

HRM spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay said last night she had seen only one lawsuit, but was "expecting more" to come.

HRM plans to file a defence against all the lawsuits.

The CBC reported 18 lawsuits against the HRM and Halifax regional fire department were filed late yesterday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, totalling about \$10 million.

The lawsuit alleges, according to the CBC, the fire department shouldn't have left hotspots unattended April 29, only to see them flare up the next day.

The CBC reports over the past several months, insurance companies have paid out millions of dollars to people with properties affected by the blaze.

The Department of Natural Resources announced in October the fire was caused by an unextinguished campfire pit.

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Raising the ceiling

Government set to triple insurance caps on minor injuries

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The NDP is moving to strike down the current insurance ceiling on minor injuries and replace it with a more victim-friendly cap.

The \$2,500 cap on minor injuries is being tripled to \$7,500 and tied to raises in inflation. Mirroring Alberta, the definition of "minor" injury is being strictly limited to strains, sprains and whiplash.

Finance Minister Graham Steele said insurance profit margins overshot

projections since the cap was put in place in 2003 and drivers will still be able to pay about the same rates.

"We are absolutely confident that these changes can be absorbed without an increase in automobile insurance rates," said Steele.

"We get what I would call the best of both worlds. We get a better insurance regime and we get it at no additional cost to Nova Scotians."

However, the plan will not apply retroactively. The new rules will only be

applied to accidents that happened from yesterday onward. The NDP had opposed the cap since it was introduced by the John Hamm-led Tories, but Steele said retroactivity would have hefted an estimated \$69-million bill on to insurance companies and thrown rates into radical uncertainty.

The insurance industry wasn't as confident as Steele that rates won't go up, saying it will take time to figure out.

"They've come up with a set of reforms this morning that will add costs to

the auto-insurance system," said Bill Adams of the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "What the effects are going to be for Nova Scotians and for premiums, we don't know at this time."

Every year insurance providers must have their rates approved by the Utility and Review Board.

Steele said the province will eventually make it mandatory for all insurance providers to offer a "full-tort" option without any cap, though they haven't worked out the pricing for that system.

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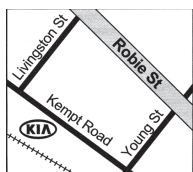
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Celtic Woman singing in July

The Irish music group Celtic Woman is coming to the Halifax Metro Centre on Tuesday, July 13 at 8 p.m. The all-female ensemble is performing a tour titled Songs from the Heart. Tickets go on sale Saturday at 8 a.m. and cost \$65, plus service charges. Tickets are available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

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MLAs fine-tune expenses

Maid service, cleaning supplies inadvertently left off original list

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MLAs reinstated a series of perks including maid services yesterday after accidentally throwing them out the window in the wake of the expense scandal.

In the first-ever public meeting of the Internal Economy Board on March 2 MLAs rushed to push through a series of reforms to open up the secretive system that led to the expense scandal.

That apparently left them with dirty apartments.

A \$1,470 per month apartment allowance

(\$1,700 for cabinet ministers and opposition leaders) was previously given without need for receipts to cover everything from rental insurance to Internet to parking.

At the March meeting receipts became required for rent, but everything else was left out. Yesterday, at the second open IEB meeting, MLAs amended the rules to once again include those other living expenses.

A motion from Liberal MLA Manning MacDonald had cleaning supplies and hiring maids added to the list of expendable items. The overall limit was not

changed.

"It was always the case that members could claim cleaning supplies for their apartment and/or maid service," said MacDonald, who said he personally did not use a maid.

"It's not something that was invented here today, it's been done the 17 years I've been here."

The IEB also decided not to pursue MLAs who refused to reimburse expenses that were within the rules but deemed "excessive" by the auditor general. Of the 10 who made such claims five voluntarily paid back the amounts.



MacDonald

Mistake-free

- MLAs also voted to have regular, monthly bills such as office rent paid directly from the government. Tory MLA Murray Scott proposed the motion saying it would cut down on MLAs making mistakes in filing expenses.

Four others, including former premier Rodney MacDonald, wrote in explaining why their items were justified. Former fisheries minister Ron Chisholm never responded at all. But Speaker Charlie Parker said yesterday there was no legal means to demand repayment.

Member takes 'exception' to AG's double-checking

INVESTIGATION At least one MLA is annoyed the auditor general is sniffing around for fraud on a larger-than-expected scale.

At an Internal Economy Board meeting yesterday Murray Scott of the Conservatives revealed auditor general Jacques Lapointe has been contacting people to double-check that MLAs have really made payments they said they made.

Scott said in one case he filed a receipt signed by a person who did some work for him, but Lapointe still went to the person to confirm payment. Scott bristled at what he saw as an insinuation he committed fraud.

"One of two things is be-

ing suggested here, that possibly the person didn't receive the money and who signed that person's name to the receipt?" said Scott.

"So I do take exception to that. I do. I would never have signed someone else's name to a receipt. I've only issued money to people who provided a service."

MLAs from all parties have heard reports of letters going out to people they've done business with. Premier Darrell Dexter said he believed Lapointe was just thoroughly questioning all people paid by MLAs.

Lapointe initially said he was looking into the books of only a few MLAs.

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G8 ministers set plan to lower maternal, child mortality

MEETING Development ministers from some of the world's richest countries agreed yesterday on a set of principles to reduce maternal and child mortality in poor nations, but offered few details on how they would achieve the ambitious goal or how much it would cost.

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda wrapped up a two-day G8 gathering in Halifax, claiming the delegates made progress on what will be a Canadian priority at the G8 leaders' meeting in Huntsville, Ont., in June.

Oda said it was critical that the plan be flexible enough to allow each member state to determine how they would contribute to the goal of improving the

Focus

- Oda said the ministers focused on the need to improve nutrition, prevent disease and the range of care that should be offered to young children and pregnant women before, during and after delivery.

health of women and children under the age of five.

The need for flexibility might be a key element of the plan as Canada takes a different stand from many of its G8 partners on family planning in poor countries. Canada has said it will not support funding for abortions in developing nations as part of the G8 family planning initiative.

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Rajiv Shah, administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, left, and Canada's International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda field questions at a news conference yesterday after a meeting of G8 development ministers at historic Pier 21 in Halifax. The ministerial meeting has laid the foundation for proposals that will go to the leaders' summit in Huntsville, Ont., in June.

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celebrate remember fight back

Police seized marijuana from a grow-op in the 100 block of Miller Lake Road in Fall River on Tuesday afternoon. The RCMP seized 62 large marijuana plants in executing the search warrant, along with 83 grams of marijuana and a large amount of marijuana grow equipment. No word on charges. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

'32 Nova Scotians didn't make it home'

ALEX BOUTILLIER
for Metro Halifax

As union officials and politicians gave speeches at the National Day of Mourning ceremony yesterday in Halifax, Beverly May stood in the middle of the crowd fighting back tears and gripping photographs of two lost loved ones.

May and her partner, Jerry Rowe, were at Province House for the ceremony commemorating the 32 Nova Scotian workers who died on the job in 2009 — the highest number since Westray mining disaster in 1992.

May lost her cousin, 22-year-old Kyle Hickey, three years ago in an explosion at his Dartmouth work site. She has been coming to the ceremony for the past three years, in remembrance of Hickey and his happy-go-lucky nature.

"When he'd smile, it was like diamonds would light up, or stars would shine," May said. "Every day was precious to Kyle ... 'Livin' the dream' was his motto."

This year, however, May and Rowe had a new rea-



Beverly May looks down at the photos of two lost loved ones while standing with her partner Jerry Rowe following yesterday's National Day of Mourning ceremony at Province House. May has lost a cousin and a close friend in work place accidents in Nova Scotia over the past three years.

son to mourn — longtime friend of the family Tommy Raymond lost his life when he was crushed by an 18-wheeler earlier this year at the Halifax dockyard.

"(Raymond) was my best friend since 1974," said Rowe. "He died this year. It's a real great loss, it should have never happened."

After the speeches, union

officials, workers, and politicians laid wreaths outside Province House to commemorate the lives lost. Premier Darrell Dexter extended his condolences to the families of the deceased, and said workers and employers must work together to eliminate workplace deaths.

"Last year, 32 Nova Scotians didn't make it home; didn't hug their spouse,

play with their children, or talk about their day," Dexter told the crowd. "Thirty-two is too many. One is too many."

May, who has a son working in Red Deer, said she just prays she never receives the same call those 32 families did.

"Every day I live in fear that maybe someday I might get a call," she said. "I hope I never get a call."

Police arrest wanted suspect after memorial

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ARREST Halifax Regional Police arrested a man outside Province House yesterday following a ceremony for Nova Scotian workers who died on the job.

Aaron Doncaster, 35, was arrested for a property damage offence on Feb. 24. Police allege Doncaster damaged a sprinkler at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside.

Doncaster was attending the Day of Mourning Ceremony at Province House, where politicians, union officials and workers gathered to commemorate the 32 workers who died on the job in Nova Scotia this past year.

After the ceremony, Doncaster was handcuffed by officers and placed in the back of a police wagon.

According to police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter, the arrest was

"The arrest today had nothing to do with anything at Province House."

Const. Brian Palmeter

unrelated to what was going on during the service. Palmeter said police had no previous knowledge that Doncaster would be attending.

"The arrest today had nothing to do with anything at Province House," said Palmeter.

"It was just that the officers observed him and realized we had a file that we were looking to make an arrest (on). So they did."

Palmeter said Doncaster was released later in the day on a promise to appear in court.

He will return to Halifax provincial court at a later date to face charges of breach of probation and mischief.

Higher cost estimate means more rough waters for Hector

TOURISM The Ship Hector Foundation was "blindsided" by Pictou town council's revised estimated cost to operate the quay this year.

Foundation chairman Faus Johnson said he was disappointed an April 13 estimated cost of \$90,000 to operate with a skeleton crew has climbed to about \$146,000.

"I don't know why they want to go down in history as the council that sank the Hector," said Johnson.

The foundation, which operates the gift shop next to the interpretive centre and raises funds for the

"I don't know why they want to go down in history as the council that sank the Hector."

Faus Johnson, Ship Hector Foundation

Ship Hector, has received overwhelming support to save the iconic ship.

The town is currently accepting proposals from the private sector to own or lease the tourist attraction.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Province toughens default rules on tobacco fines to fight smuggling

DRIVING Anyone who defaults on fines for tobacco-related offences involving a vehicle in Nova Scotia will not be able to renew their driver's licence or vehicle permit.

The province is amending its Revenue Act to clarify language and allow the courts to impose stiffer fines.

Loophole shut

• The new legislation also eliminates a loophole where one man managed to get a lighter punishment two years ago by

successfully arguing he shouldn't be convicted of possession of illegal tobacco because he sold it before his arrest.

Service Nova Scotia Minister Ramona Jennex says they want to send a clear message to would-be smug-

glers that they will pay a heavy price if caught.

Of the \$3.9 million in tobacco fines levelled last

year, the government is writing off \$1 million it expects not to be repaid. Department staff say that 25 per cent ratio of non-payment has been the average over recent years.

Staff hope the new rules will make it harder for people to dodge repaying the province. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Pine Tree Park workers back on the job after five-day picket

LABOUR Workers involved in a remediation project at the former Pine Tree Park residential subdivision in Whitney Pier have returned to their jobs yesterday after a five-day dispute

had them manning an information picket.

Workers had been conducting the picket since last Friday after being asked to leave the site when a dispute arose over

the removal of asbestos.

However, according to Jonathan Gaul, of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, discussions held Tuesday between the union and the

company contracted for the work, EnviroBate Inc, resulted in a resolution of all outstanding issues.

As a result, the workers were back on the job yesterday. **CAPE BRETON POST**



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Amherst police have arrested and charged a 20-year-old man following an alleged bomb threat at Amherst Regional High School late Tuesday morning. The accused is a student at ARHS and has been released on conditions that include not being on school property. **AMHERST DAILY NEWS**

Police horses return to patrol streets

Animals offer connection to public: Officers

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What has 12 legs and fights crime?

Two cops on horses in HRM.

The Halifax Regional Police's two equine officers are back on the beat for the spring and summer seasons. Duty Sergeant and Patrol Cruiser, more commonly referred to as Sarge and Cruise, will be patrolling the streets, attending events and interacting with the community.

Cruise's partner, Const. Dianne Woodworth, said policing with horses is just one more form of police interaction with the community — and most often a positive interaction.

"Just like mountain bikes ... it's a closer interaction with the community," she said.

Const. Chris Marinelli, who patrols with Sarge, said the police horses generally

"People feel comfortable, they always want to see the police horses ... Maybe some of the general public that wouldn't speak to us normally will come to speak to us as a result of having the horses."

HRP Const. Chris Marinelli

patrol from April to November. Marinelli, who has been working with HRP's police horses for the past five years, said Haligonians are always happy to see the horses on patrol.

"It's a high-profile part of our job," said Marinelli. "People feel comfortable, they always want to see the police horses. And in that respect, we have an easier time speaking with the general public. Maybe some of the general public that wouldn't speak to us normally will come to speak to us as a result of having the horses."

Woodworth agreed. "It's a positive interaction," said Woodworth. "Of-

ten times when police show up in your neighborhood, unfortunately, it's not for positive things. When they see the police horses, it's a positive thing ... It kind of opens up a door. They'll talk to us and say, 'Well, they're not so bad, they're just people.'"

Woodworth said this positive interaction with the community while policing on horseback creates relationships that may not come to be while riding in squad car.

"It's a bridge between us and the community," said Woodworth. "They can just see that we're just people like everybody else. People on horses."



Halifax Regional Police Const. Dianne Woodworth stands next to her police horse Cruise yesterday at Dartmouth Crossing. Cruise, along with Sarge, are HRP's two police horses who are now back on patrols in HRM with the warm weather returning.

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Saint Mary's, Dalhousie reveal recipients of honorary degrees

CONVOCATION Saint Mary's University and Dalhousie University have announced their recipients of honorary degrees for their respective convocation ceremonies this spring.

Six people will receive degrees from Saint Mary's on May 21 during convocation ceremonies at the Halifax Metro Centre.

They are Paul Dyer, regional vice-president of ScotiaTrust; Dr. Mike Durland, co-CEO of Scotia Capital; CN president Claude Mongeau; publisher Neville Gilfoxy; pioneering psychologist Patricia Rowe; and arts and humanities advocate Sandra Irving.

At Dalhousie, eight individuals will receive hon-

orary degrees during convocation ceremonies from May 25 to June 2 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

They are children's author Budge Wilson; scientist Sir John Houghton; Murray Koffler, the man behind Shoppers Drug Mart; Nancy Gosling, president and CEO of Gosling Brothers Ltd.; Randolph Hester Jr., professor at the University of California; Richard Currie, former president of Loblaw; Justice Thomas Cromwell, the first Dalhousie law professor named to the Supreme Court of Canada; and Sir Paul Nurse, a geneticist and co-winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in medicine.

METRO HALIFAX

Another ambulance crash probed

VEHICLE For the second time in less than a week, Ambulance New Brunswick is investigating a crash involving one of its vehicles.

A patient and a nurse were being driven to hospital in Halifax on Tuesday when the ambulance hit a guardrail in Stewiacke.

They continued to the hospital in Halifax while

the two paramedics accompanying them were treated in nearby Truro.

All have since been released.

Two other paramedics were injured when their ambulance went into a ditch while they were responding to an accident near Fredericton last Sunday.

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News in brief

DRUGS RCMP arrested four people yesterday morning after police executed a search warrant at a residence in Middleton. Two adult males and two young

offenders are each charged with drug trafficking and drug possession. They have been released with a court date set for September. **METRO HALIFAX**

Labour unions pleased with provincial government

For the first time, organized labour in the province has an ear in government, the president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour says.

While he said the labour movement still faces challenges and he doesn't agree with every move the Dexter government has made since taking office, Rick Clarke's speech to the provincial Canadian Union of Public Employees convention in Sydney this week was mostly friendly to the NDP government.

Clarke addressed the convention Tuesday — a day after Dexter did.

"I cannot recall you having a premier come to your convention to talk to you about issues that are important to Nova Scotians, that are important to you, and even some issues that you may not be on the same line with," Clarke said. "But he comes into your convention, we've never had that before, we were lucky to be able to get in to have a meeting with the premier, let alone have one come to address the convention."



Rick Clarke

"I cannot recall you having a premier come to your convention to talk to you about issues that are important to Nova Scotians, that are important to you." Rick Clarke, Federation of Labour

He called that a level of accountability that labour isn't accustomed to and said he hopes it continues.

Clarke said the government is now facing three oppositions in the province — Liberals, Progressive Conservatives and the media.

"When I say the media, it's not the people that are out here talking to us, but it appears that the business at the top of it are not favourable of where this government's going because they are using the front page to go after the most trivial things that are happening within this province," Clarke said.

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SPCA warns of parvovirus

DISEASE The Nova Scotia SPCA is alerting dog owners about a number of cases of the potentially fatal canine parvovirus being reported through HRM.

The SPCA says in the last two weeks it has seen at least 15 reported cases about this disease and suspect the "unusually high" figure is probably even higher.

Canine parvovirus is a contagious viral disease that typically sees puppies

more susceptible, but the SPCA says all unvaccinated dogs are at risk. The disease is transmitted through contact with affected dogs with warning signs including vomiting and diarrhea, which can be bloody.

The SPCA advises that owners make sure their dogs are up-to-date on vaccinations and to see a veterinarian if their animals have been infected or exposed.

METRO HALIFAX

Stolen fire truck set on fire

ARSON Cape Breton Regional Police are investigating after a fire truck was stolen and burned.

Police say they responded around 4:20 a.m. yesterday morning to a report of a vehicle on fire on the Grand Narrows Highway outside Boisdale, about 15 minutes from Sydney.

They say when officers

arrived they discovered the vehicle in question was a fire truck.

Members of the Boisdale Fire Department attempted to respond to the call, but when they arrived at their station they found that someone had broken in and had stolen one of their trucks.

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'Sexy Remy' to wed

Dancer Rex Harrington — nicknamed "Sexy Remy" — is getting married. The National Ballet of Canada says Harrington and his partner Robert Hope, right, plan to wed in the summer of 2011. The couple have been together for six years.

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Harper set to obey Speaker's ruling

TORTURE The Conservative government appears to be ready to compromise on the release of uncensored documents related to Afghan detainees.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday the government is open to any "reasonable suggestion" to give MPs access and protect national security. "We are seeking ways to respect those two obligations and obviously we are open to reasonable suggestions," Harper told the House of Commons.

Harper said the government "looks forward to complying" with a historic ruling Tuesday by Speaker Peter Milliken.

Milliken ruled that members of Parliament have unlimited power to demand the release of all uncensored documents related to allegations that Afghans tortured prisoners captured by Canadian soldiers.

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News in brief

FREE SPEECH Lawyers for a British MP banned from Canada say the decision to keep him out was "an exercise in taunting" by senior government officials. George Galloway had planned to make a four-city speaking tour in March 2009, but immigration officials said he supported terrorism and declared him inadmissible.

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Busty hookers? No, no, no



Nazim Gillani testifies at a House of Commons committee hearing on Parliament Hill yesterday.

Gillani scoffs at news story ... and at Jaffer's testimony, too

Nazim Gillani says he and Rahim Jaffer never cavorted with "busty hookers."

The colourful businessman at the heart of the Guergis-Jaffer scandal told a House of Commons committee yesterday that stories of cocaine-fuelled parties with prostitutes are "outrageous."

He scoffed at a newspaper article that said he and Jaffer dined with "busty hookers."

In fact, he said, they dined with his then-girlfriend and two of her friends.

And he dismissed claims by a private eye that he had compromising cellphone photos of Jaffer and his wife, Tory ex-minister Helena Guergis, partying with cocaine and prostitutes.

But Gillani said he and Jaffer did have a business contract — despite claims to the contrary by the former Tory MP.

Gillani presented documents that claim he had a contract with Jaffer's company to help secure government funding for his firm, International Strategic Investments, for a renewable-

"Simply, they said they knew how to negotiate the government maze."

Nazim Gillani

energy project.

The alleged contract notes Jaffer's company claimed to have "valuable connections" with the federal government.

"Simply, they said they knew how to negotiate the government maze," Gillani testified.

The committee is looking into whether Jaffer, who is not a registered lobbyist, broke lobbying rules.

New Democrat MP Pat Martin said the committee will push to recall Jaffer because it's now clear that he was involved in "illegal lobbying."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper removed Guergis from cabinet and the Tory caucus, and referred the matter to the RCMP.

Guergis and Jaffer have called allegations against them baseless.

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Nazim Gillani a key figure in the Jaffer-Guergis scandal

- Nazim Gillani, 43, runs Toronto-based International Strategic Investments, which has claimed to help companies obtain government contracts.
- He has had a colourful life,

at one time running a record label in Vancouver.

- He pleaded guilty to not paying taxes last year, and has more than dozen civil cases against him in the B.C. courts.

- He is also facing a fraud charge in a case before the Ontario courts.
- Gillani met Jaffer through a mutual friend from the Ismaili Muslim community,

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Beware, the delete button is powerless

WEB When a New Brunswick woman disappeared this year, the RCMP and family made widely publicized pleas for help.

Her name and photograph were blogged, tweeted and forwarded online to the world.

The woman surfaced in March, having escaped after allegedly being kidnapped and sexually assaulted, and the same information that had been so freely available was now banned from publication to protect her identity.

But echoes of the woman's name and her disappearance still appear on the Internet.

And experts say the nearly impossible task of erasing data completely online demonstrate the need to update publication bans

for the new reality of the Internet.

Vancouver media lawyer Dan Burnett says publication ban laws need to be revised with the Internet in mind.

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Girl, 10, survives jellyfish sting

A 10-year-old girl in Australia has baffled experts by surviving a run-in with a highly venomous box jellyfish, the sting of which can kill an adult within minutes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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World

'Just ridiculous'

Britain's bedraggled Prime Minister Gordon Brown waltzed into a political train wreck yesterday after forgetting to turn off his microphone.

He described a loyal Labour voter as a bigot for asking about immigration, blamed advisers for a "disaster" ahead of next week's election, then rushed back to the voter's house to beg her forgiveness.

Grandmother Gillian Duffy, 66, met with Brown at a campaign stop in the northern town of Rochdale and questioned him about the influx of eastern European immigrants who have come to Britain.

Many people are angry that immigrants are taking jobs at a time when Britain's unemployment level is soaring. Brown brushed the question

aside, leaving in his car in a hurry and forgetting to turn off his microphone.

"That was a disaster, they should never have put me with that woman."



Gordon Brown

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Whose idea was that? It's just ridiculous," Brown is heard saying. Asked what Duffy had said to upset him, Brown said: "Everything. She's just a sort of bigot woman."

Brown's gaffe was immediately broadcast and he was then grilled about it on a televised radio show. Slumped over with his head in his hand, Brown said he realized he had made a mistake and regretted the remarks.

"He's an educated person, why has he come out with words like that?" Duffy said. "He's calling an ordinary woman who's just come up and asked questions ... a bigot."

The political consequences of the blunder could be severe, with Brown already third in opinion polls for the general election and desperate to show his supposedly statesmanlike credentials to dispatch less experienced rivals. Conservative leader David Cameron and Nick Clegg of the Liberal Democrats. Ironically, Brown's campaign team overhauled their election strategy this week — betting that more contact between their leader and ordinary people would revive his flagging election hopes.

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Thai soldiers fire on anti-government protesters during clashes near Bangkok yesterday.

Soldier killed during protest

CLASH Thai troops fired rifles and threw tear gas at a crowd of anti-government protesters riding motorbikes down a busy expressway yesterday, blocking their effort to take the demonstrations that have paralyzed central Bangkok into the suburbs.

The hourslong confrontation killed one soldier — apparently from friendly fire — and wound-

ed 18 other people as it transformed the suburban streets into a battle zone.

Heavily armed troops took cover behind terrified commuters' cars and one driver clasped her hands in prayer as the soldiers wove their way through traffic.

Security officials suggested the possibility of an escalation in the violence. The bloodshed yesterday was the first vio-

lent confrontation in nearly a week, and protest leaders accused the government of leading the nation to the brink of civil war.

The "Red Shirts" have turned parts of Bangkok's commercial heart into a protest camp in their campaign to bring down a government they view as illegitimate.

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News in brief

DISCOVERY Swiss authorities are investigating the discovery of dozens of urns filled with human ashes buried in the mud of Lake Zurich. The disposals are drawing attention to assisted suicide,

which is legal in Switzerland.

WEATHER A spring snowstorm has dumped up to 60 centimetres of snow on parts of the northeastern U.S.

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Tokyo's population passes 13 million

The population of Japan's capital — one of the biggest cities in the world — has surpassed 13 million for the first time, up 0.5 per cent from the same month a year earlier. The growth contrasts with the overall demographic trend in Japan, where people have long lifespans and stubbornly low birth rates. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Teacher stabs 15 students

A teacher wielding a knife broke into a primary school in southern China and stabbed 15 students and a teacher yesterday, the same day another school attacker was executed for killing eight children last month, police and state media reported.

The attacker taught at another primary school nearby, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

None of the 15 students

nor the teacher is in life-threatening condition, said the director of the command centre at the Leizhou Public security Bureau, who gave his name as Qin.

The attacker, identified by a local official as Chen Kangbing, broke into Leicheng No. 1 Primary School in Leizhou city about 3 p.m. and hacked at the students and teacher, Xinhua said. He teaches at

the Hongguan Primary School in nearby Baisha town, the report said. He is in police custody.

The fourth- and fifth-graders were stabbed in their heads, backs and arms, Xinhua said, citing comments from Li Changwu, Leizhou city's Communist Party secretary.

A nurse at emergency clinic of Leizhou People's Hospital said staff there treated eight of the stu-

dents for knife wounds to the head.

A man from surgical department of Leizhou Hospital of Chinese Medicine said seven students were treated there. He refused to give his name. Calls to the school rang unanswered. It is not known where the other students or teacher were treated. There was no immediate word on a motive for the attack.

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China **AIDS controversy**



The Chinese government has scrapped a 20-year travel ban that barred people with HIV and AIDS from entering the country, just days ahead of the opening of the Shanghai Expo, which hopes to welcome millions of overseas visitors. In this file photo, a woman whose son was infected with HIV wears a face mask bearing the words "Blood products infect us with AIDS" during an event in Beijing on World AIDS Day last December.

India arrests alleged spy from Pakistan

DIPLOMACY India is investigating a serious breach of security after arresting a diplomat accused of spying for Pakistan while posted at the Indian Embassy in Islamabad, India's foreign minister said yesterday.

Madhuri Gupta, 53, a second secretary at the embassy, was recalled to New Delhi and arrested at her home in the Indian capital.

Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna told NDTV news channel that the case was being investigated by the Home Affairs Ministry. Gupta is accused of passing information to Pakistani intelligence agencies, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash said.

Gupta, who had been working in the press and information section of the embassy for three years, had been under surveil-

lance for more than six months. Investigations were underway and Gupta was co-operating, Prakash said. He gave no other details and did not take any questions from reporters.

Gupta was arrested Friday, although the arrest was not announced until Tuesday, Press Trust of India news agency said. She will remain in police custody for the next four days, PTI said.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947. Relations between the two South Asian rivals were further strained after a deadly terror attack on Mumbai, India's financial hub, in 2008 killed 166 people. India blamed the attack on Pakistan-based Islamic terror groups.

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News in brief

TEXAS Police are searching for a suburban Dallas man accused of decapitating his wife with a chainsaw.

Lewisville police have issued an arrest warrant for 49-year-old Jose Fernando Corona that charges him with the murder of his wife, Maria Corona. The slain 44-year-old mother of six was discovered in the street near her home Monday. A bloody trail ran from her headless body to her house.

FOOD Hawaii is attempting to ban the practice of killing sharks for the purpose of making shark-fin soup. The state legislature passed a bill Tuesday banning shark fins from being harvested, sold or owned. Democratic Sen. Clayton Hee of Kahuku says killing sharks for their fins is similar to killing elephants for their ivory.

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Mixing libido and state

Relating

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It can be awkward when your government sits you down for a sex talk.

Brazil's health minister, Jose Temporal, is urging the citizenry to have more sex, citing evidence that it lowers blood pressure. He's also on record as a supporter of safe sex and eating your veggies.

While I'm certain the average Brazilian is already having as much sex as he or she can without government encouragement, this seems a reasonably healthy state intervention in the national sex life.

It contrasts sharply with the anti-fun stance of Iranian officialdom, with cleric Hojatolislam Kazem Sadighi commingling the

geological and the theological to causally link women wearing revealing clothing and earthquakes.

The imam's goofy theory inspired Indiana blogger Jen McCreight to get on Facebook and organize this past Monday's Boobquake, in which she encouraged women worldwide to show a bit of cleavage and see if they could get a seismic rise out of the Earth.

I watched with purely professional interest, hoping for a perhaps defiant flash mob outside the Iranian Embassy here in Ottawa, but no such luck.

Meanwhile, a Boobquake rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery was a study in attitudinal diversity as a few women decided to go over-the-topless while others complained that men were

looking. The country is unlikely to achieve sexual consensus any time soon.

Homosexuality, abortion and birth control were all once illegal here, and our current federal government still seems squeamish. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney personally deleted references to homosexuality

and same-sex marriage from the new citizenship guide, and International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda has provoked an outcry in some quarters by excluding abortion from maternal health programs in developing countries.

It can swing the other way, too, as some citizens find their government entirely too kinky. Witness the Ontario government's new sex education curricu-

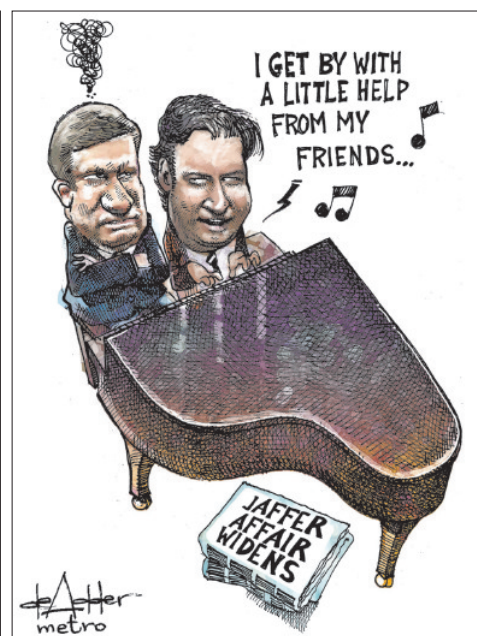
lum, hastily withdrawn for retooling last week after some church groups and parents complained the content was both too sexy and too educational.

Public libraries are constant sexual battlegrounds. The American Libraries Association has released its 2009 list of most complained about books, and the children's book *And Tango Makes Three*, based on the true story of a same-sex penguin couple in New York's Central Park Zoo, was one of the most controversial for the fourth year running.

Pierre Trudeau's declaration that the state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation is often quoted, but the separation of libido and state is not so easily achieved. Before voting for a candidate, it might be wise to consider your sexual compatibility should he or she come out on top.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

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MICHAEL DI ADORN

Worth mentioning

Want to talk? Your pet may be the best option

Husbands, if you end up in the doghouse, consider it a promotion.

One-third of pet-owning married women said their pets are better listeners than their husbands, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll released yesterday. Eighteen per cent of pet-owning married men said their pets are better listeners than their wives.

Christina Holmdahl, 40, talks all the time to her cat, two dogs or three horses — about her husband, naturally.

"Whoever happens to be with me when I'm rambling," said Holmdahl, who is stationed with her husband at Fort Stewart in Georgia. "A lot of times, I'm just venting about work or complaining about the husband."

It would be a toss-up

whether Bill Rothschild would take a problem to his wife of 19 years or the animal he considers a pet — a palm-sized crayfish named Cray Aiken.

His daughter brought it home four years ago at the end of a second grade science project.

Rothschild, 44, of Granite Springs, N.Y., considers Cray a better listener than his wife, "absolutely. She doesn't listen worth anything."

The AP-Petside.com poll also found that most people believe their pets are stable and seldom struggle with depression. Just five per cent of all pet owners said they had taken an animal to a veterinarian or pet psychologist because it seemed down in the dumps. Even fewer said they'd ever given antidepressants to a pet.

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Views

The lighter side of feminism revealed

FourthWave

Canice Leung

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People often say feminists lack any sense of humour and all they do is complain within their ivory towers. That isn't true and I offer up Boobquake and Ben Roethlisberger as examples.

It all started when Iranian cleric Hojatolislam Kazem Sadighi reportedly warned, "Many women who do not dress modestly ... lead young men astray, corrupt their chastity and spread adultery in society, which increases earthquakes."

Many scoffed. One blogger, Jen McCreight of

blaghag.com, was determined to scientifically disprove his theory. Thus, Boobquake was born: Women would "embrace the supposed supernatural power of their breasts" and seek to make the Earth tremble by wearing the lowest-cut shirts they owned.

Monday has come and gone — and guess what? No out-of-the-norm earthquake activity.

It's unfortunate that this tongue-in-cheek protest was reduced to a circus-like opportunity to ogle. Apparently, some Boobquake events drew more male photographers than busty participants, but I'm loathe to call it un-feminist just because of a few overactive sex drives and cellphone cameras.

Sometimes, you find allies in the most unlikely of

places. Even if Boobquake protesters wouldn't call themselves feminists, plenty of people were angry enough to prove just how sexist Sedighi's statement was.

Moral truths are sometimes so obvious, they're plain as day. It was, too, for football fans following the saga of Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who has been suspended after another allegation of sexual assault.

I have negative interest in football, but what's not to love after reading this tweet from Vinnie Malhotra, executive producer for ESPN, from the floor of the NFL Draft: "Guy in a Roethlisberger jersey walking by at the NFL Draft. Crowd starts chanting 'No Means No!'"

I'm glad this common-sense mantra has percolat-

ed into the mainstream. Even superstar quarterbacks and their fans aren't immune to the fallout of allegedly perpetrating (or condoning) sexual assault, and football fans are going to let Roethlisberger know it.

Of course, with all the wacky things being said and done in Iran, it's no stretch to scoff at its leaders. Nor is it a difficult moral decision to shun an athlete twice accused of sexual assault. These are obvious things. I hope people can take their instinctual "Hey, that's not right" reactions toward Boobquake or Roethlisberger and carry that with them into the future.

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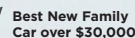


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Recession aftermath

Board says economy won't fully return until 2014

Canada's recession was short — and in some regions brutish — but the aftermath will be almost as challenging, three new separate reports on the economy suggest.

The reports from the country's budget watchdog, Statistics Canada and one of the leading economic think tanks, the Conference Board, are remarkably similar in detailing what Canada lost during the recession and the problems it faces in recovery.

Putting it in economic terms, Statistics Canada concludes the country's gross domestic product shrank 2.9 per cent last year, slightly more than its original estimate.

But not all regions experienced the recession in the same way. Newfoundland's economy fell back a massive 10.2 per cent, while two tiny economies,

Jobless rate

- Canada's jobless rate stands at 8.2 per cent, about half a point below its recent high last summer. In the United States, unemployment has eased a bit in recent months, but remains at 9.7 per cent.

Prince Edward Island and the Yukon, did not contract at all.

Among the bigger provinces, Ontario's economy shrank 3.1 per cent and Quebec's by a relatively modest one per cent.

In dollar terms, the parliamentary budget office estimates that by 2014, when the economy returns to normal, Canada will have suf-

fered a cumulative total of \$225 billion in lost output.

By 2014, a different set of challenges will be facing Canadians and their governments, says the Conference Board's Pedro Antunes.

In a far-reaching outlook, Antunes says 2014 is when the real impact of the retiring baby boom generation will start being felt in Canada's labour market, economy and government budgets.

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Lebanon Wazzani Fortress



Khalil Abdullah, 56, a Lebanese businessman who recently returned to settle in Lebanon after 40 years spent working as a contractor in Africa, gestures as he stands on a hill above his resort, under construction near the Lebanon-Israel border. The "Wazzani Fortress," as the \$3-million project is called, is one of several resorts sprouting up along the tense border with Israel in what investors hope will be a new tourist attraction.

Business in brief

TECH Global technology suppliers face a looming Chinese deadline to reveal the inner workings of computer encryption and other security products in a move the United States and Europe say is protectionist. Suppliers must comply with the rules that take effect Saturday or risk being shut out of the billions of dollars in purchases that the Chinese government makes of smart cards, secure routers, anti-spam software and other security products. Encryption codes and other trade secrets would have to be disclosed to a government panel, and the foreign companies worry they

might be leaked to Chinese rivals.

GOLD Barrick Gold Corp. says higher gold prices and increased production volumes helped it achieve record earnings in the first quarter. The world's biggest gold miner reported yesterday that its net income more than doubled to \$758 million US, or 76 cents per share, beating analyst expectations of 62.3 cents per share, according to estimates compiled by Thomson Reuters.

CP RAIL Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. says its first quarter net profits rose 74 per cent to \$100 million as the company benefited from an improving

economy as well as cost controls. Canada's No. 2 railway operator said yesterday its latest earnings rose from \$57 million in the same period in 2009.

U.S. The Federal Reserve is sounding a more confident note that the economy is strengthening and pledges to hold rates at record lows to make sure it gains even more traction. Wrapping up a two-day meeting yesterday, the Fed in a 9-1 decision retained its pledge to hold rates at historic lows for an what it calls an extended period. Doing so will help energize the recovery.

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Former Moosehead lighting it up in Central Hockey League

Halifax's Justin Bowers, a one-time Moosehead, continues to rip apart the Central Hockey League playoffs. The Allen Americans forward has a league-leading 25 points in 16 games. His club is tied 1-1 with the Rapid City Rush in the best-of-seven final. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Sports

**Richardson will hit court**

Former NBA standout Michael Ray Richardson, who was drafted two picks before Larry Bird, is among those who will suit up for Saturday's 5 p.m. Legends Game at the Metro Centre as part of the Premier Basketball League's all-star weekend. Richardson is head coach of the PBL champion Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry.

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Kicking off on a CFL career

Huskies' Palardy slated as potential pick in top-three rounds

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Justin Palardy can't deny it would be pretty cool to be listed as the greatest place kicker in Canadian Interuniversity Sport history.

But he could be on the verge of something he considers a heck of a lot cooler: A spot on a season-opening Canadian Football League roster.

The Saint Mary's Huskies kicker/punter is being talked about as a potential top-three-round pick in Sunday's Canadian Football League draft in Toronto. If that happens, there is a good chance he won't be back at school in the fall, ending his realistic bid to smash all-time CIS records for scoring and field goals.

"Records are cool and all, but I'm not playing to break records — I'm playing to get a paycheck," Palardy said. "I want to go to the CFL and if I can go this year, I'm gonna go. That's my whole dream and goal. It's what I've been working toward."

Palardy, a three-time Atlantic University Sport all-star, is 90 points away from catching Jesse Lumsden's CIS scoring record of 410 and five field goals away from catching Frank Jagas's mark of 70. He already has AUS records in both categories.

The Murray Siding, N.S., native spent last week working out with four CFL clubs — the Toronto Argonauts, Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Eskimos — and described his performance as "fairly average" while doing an



Saint Mary's Huskies kicker Justin Palardy has a good chance of being picked in Sunday's CFL draft.

abnormal amount of kicking.

Palardy said he usually kicks 10 field goals per day. Last week, he estimates he averaged more than 50.

"It takes its toll on the leg," he said. "It's constant leg extension and you can only handle so much."

Rob Maver of the Guelph Gryphons is the top-ranked kicker/punter

according to CFL scouting and TSN analyst Duane Ford. But some scouts consider Palardy the best pure field-goal kicker available.

The Stampeders are one team reportedly looking for exactly what Palardy has to offer.

"Calgary really needs a field-goal kicker and they're not looking to wait the whole draft to pick one up ... Whether it

Local talent

A number of local university standouts will earn consideration on Canadian Football League draft day. TSN analyst Duane Ford's position-by-position draft rankings single out numerous Nova Scotians and Saint Mary's Huskies who could be selected on Sunday.

Following is a rundown of some prominently-ranked players, listed with height, weight, local connection, Ford's positional ranking and scouting comments.

- **ADAM BABOULAS**, 6-4, 292, Saint Mary's (seventh offensive tackle): "Good feet and technique. He'll need to get stronger to play at next level."

- **DAN SCHUTTE**, 5-11, 269, Saint Mary's (third defensive tackle): "His size isn't ideal but he can be a mismatch with speed and exceptional skills."

- **REED ANDERSON**, 6-1, 241, Saint Mary's (ninth fullback): "Strictly a banger."

- **LEROY FONTAINE**, 5-11, 209, Saint Mary's (12th line-backer): "Tough as nails but a little undersized for the next level."

- **KARL MCCARTNEY**, 6-0, 224, Saint Mary's (15th line-backer): "Once a prized recruit, he is now done with football."

- **SALEEM BORHOT**, 6-3, 195, Saint Mary's (second safety): "His combination of height and speed give him perhaps the best range in this group."

- **MARK HOLDEN**, 6-2, 175, Saint Mary's/Halifax (12th safety): "Durability is one of the questions."

will be me, I don't know," he said. "I'm just going to wait until Sunday and see what happens."



Steven Anthony has played in just four games over the past month and a half because of a groin injury.

As final nears, Anthony close to returning for Dogs

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Steven Anthony is inching closer to returning to the Saint John Sea Dogs' lineup, and it couldn't come at a more important time.

The Sea Dogs are preparing to open the best-of-seven QMJHL final against the provincial rival Moncton Wildcats starting tomorrow on home ice at Harbour Station.

Anthony, a forward from Halifax, appeared in just four of the Sea Dogs' 15 games as they cruised through the opening three playoff rounds with relative ease. Sea Dogs head coach Gerard Gallant called Anthony "questionable" for the series opener after watching him return to the ice at practice on Tuesday.

"We're hoping to have him ready, but we're not 100 per cent sure yet," Gallant said.

Anthony, a Vancouver Canucks seventh-round

pick known for his offensive ability, had a terrific start to the season with 35 points in his first 38 games. But he sputtered down the stretch and has recorded just two points in his past 21 games.

Gallant said Anthony was "hampered" initially by playing through the groin injury and that a bad bout of the flu in January "wore him out."

"The second half of the season was really tough for him," Gallant said.

Because he has appeared in just four games over a stretch of almost a month and a half, Gallant said Anthony will be eased back into the lineup.

"We definitely won't push him, but Steven's a big part of our team," Gallant said.

"He was one of our best players the first 30 games before he ran into injury problems."

"We'd obviously like to have him back to that but it's not going to happen in one game."

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Minnesota Twins first baseman Justin Morneau of New Westminster, B.C., did not start last night against the Detroit Tigers because of a stiff back. Morneau left Tuesday night's game after striking out three times against Justin Verlander. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak fights for the puck with Washington Capitals centre Brendan Morrison last night.

Habs stun Caps

(Montreal wins series 4-3)

Capitals 1 Canadiens 2



Jaroslav Halak's continued mastery of the Washington Capitals has propelled the eighth-seeded Montreal Canadiens into the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Marc-Andre Bergeron and Dominic Moore scored for Montreal and Halak made 41 saves as the Canadiens shocked the Capitals 2-1 in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series last night.

The Canadiens became the first No. 8 seed to erase a 3-1 series deficit to knock off a top seed since the NHL switched to the current playoff format in 1994.

Brooks Laich scored late in the third to bring the Capitals to within a goal, but they couldn't convert on a power play over the

final 1:44 of regulation to tie it up.

The league's best power play in the regular season went 1-for-33 in the series, a key reason why Capitals' off-season has started early.

The Capitals had a dominant regular season in winning the Presidents' Trophy with 121 points — 33 more than the Canadiens — and leading the league with 318 goals scored.

But that offence disappeared when it was needed most, largely because of Halak, who stopped 131 of 134 shots in winning the final three games of the series.

By leading his team back from the brink, Halak — the 271st overall choice in the 2003 entry draft — has written his name into the history books of the league's most successful franchise.

His Washington counterpart Semyon Varlamov wasn't nearly as busy in Game 7, but allowed two goals on 16 shots to lose his third straight game.

For the Capitals and the NHL's most exciting player Alexander Ovechkin, it was yet another playoff disappointment after bowing out in seven games to the eventual Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins in round two last year.

Those same Penguins will be waiting for the Canadiens in Pittsburgh to start their conference quarter-final series Friday night at Mellon Arena.

The game wasn't without controversy as Ovechkin appeared to tie the game at 24 seconds into the third period, but it was instantly waved off by referee Brad Watson because he deemed that Mike Knuble interfered with Halak.

Washington kept coming throughout the third, outshooting Montreal 18-5 over the final 20 minutes, but the Canadiens made it 2-0 when Moore beat Varlamov with a shot to the far side at 16:24 on the Canadiens 16th and final shot of the game.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Ten-man Inter Milan lost 1-0 at Barcelona yesterday but still reached its first Champions League final in 38 years by beating the defending champion 3-2 on aggregate. The Milan braved continuous pressure from Barcelona to line up a final against Bayern Munich on May 22 in Madrid after winning the first leg 3-1.

NFL Denver Broncos All-Pro left tackle Ryan Clady has undergone surgery to repair a torn left patellar tendon and will be out for several months, according to a published report. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Penguins eager for next round

NHL Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma recognizes how a team performs in the upcoming round will be the only measure of whether having a week off between playoff series was an advantage.

"The best way to talk about a break is after a break is done," Bylsma said. "I've been part of breaks that were long and good for the team, and I've been part of breaks that were long and didn't turn out the right result for the players."

Four days into what ultimately will be a week or so between playoff games, the Penguins practised for the second consecutive day yesterday, not knowing who they would face in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Their opponent was decided later in the day when the Montreal Canadiens defeated Washington 2-1 in Game 7 to earn a spot in the semis.

"It's starting to feel a little bit long now," goalie Marc-Andre Fleury said of a layoff that began Sunday. "It'll be fun to get back into it."

The defending champi-

Workouts

- Pittsburgh's workouts have focused more on ways to improve and refine internally rather than game-planning. Some players insisted that opponent-specific practice wouldn't occur until the day before a game anyway.

on Penguins were completely off Sunday and Monday, but have been back on the Mellon Arena ice the past two days, emphasizing 5-on-5 scrimmages and other drills that most closely simulate game play.

Despite the long layoff mostly spent in limbo — the consensus was Game 1 would be Friday, though nothing was official — if the players were getting antsy waiting, they didn't let on.

"I don't think we're in a rush," captain Sidney Crosby said. "We're getting ready and making the most of our practice time and preparing accordingly. When it's time, it's time. We'll be ready. Until then, you try to make the most of the time we have."

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Loyalty & Rewards

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Why joining a rewards program makes sense – and dollars

You may have noticed that there are more and more loyalty programs popping up—in supermarkets, at banks and retail stores, and even at your local cinema. You don't want a wallet full of plastic—so how do you choose which programs are best for you?

The first thing to look for is the way in which you can earn points. Is the product or service something you're going to invest in on a regular basis?

If you go to the movies a lot, an entertainment rewards card might be worth looking into. Or if you're a department store denizen, see what programs they have to offer. And don't forget to check your financial institution to see if they offer rewards-based credit cards.

Next, take a look at bonus offerings, such as partner merchants or companies that offer special discounts if you're a cardholder. The more places you can use the card, the better. Re-

wards programs are expanding their partnerships all the time so, if one doesn't appeal to you at first, check back in a while to see if they've added new partner perks.

Finally, it's important to know how you can redeem the rewards you've earned. Many loyalty programs have tailored their rewards to the way in which you earned points: Store cards might offer credit towards future purchases at their location, entertainment

cards may allow you to redeem points for movies and music, or credit card rewards could even let you pay down your line of credit. Some even offer rewards you may not expect!

Whatever programs you choose, don't be afraid to use them. Keep your cards handy and use them whenever you can—even online if possible. After all, the rewards are there for the taking—so get earning!

By Lori Dance

Joining the Club

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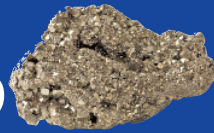
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Spring is a great time to get started on sprucing up your home — spring-cleaning is done, summer entertaining is on its way and your tax refund cheque is in the mail.

No matter what your price range is, adding a few luxury items to your home can enhance the time you spend there — creating an atmosphere of fun, relaxation and style.

Nice three-piece Refund \$130

This contemporary three-piece bistro set from Canadian Tire is a chic way to dress up any patio or balcony. It's great for early morning coffee in the summer or a romantic dinner at sunset.

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Nice three-piece

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Brand-new BBQ

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Hot tub luxury

Nice looks with knick-knacks

JENNIFER BILL
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Every room needs a knick-knack or two.

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Whether it be prized possessions lining grandma's mantel or a design-conscious decor element or showpiece in the living room, the power of the knick-knack is enormous, says Dana Jordan, owner of her namesake gift and decor shop in Toronto.

"They are the icing on the cake," says Jordan. "A room is a room is a room. However, decorative objects make the bland room come to life. They add instant character and personalize an area."

With designer tsotchkes

— perhaps an oxymoron, as the word "tsotchke" can imply cheaply made or kitschy items, like the trinkets sold outside of tourist attractions — it's not just about the aesthetics of these little objects d'art but also the emotion they elicit.

One's knick-knacks can say a lot about a person, Jordan says: "Their likes ... what makes them smile, what makes them tick."

"Decorative objects run the gamut from pure objects d'art that simply please the eye to objects that marry beauty — which is always in the eye of the beholder — with function," she says.

Jordan notes many high-end brands are designing stunning practical gadgets, with the Alessi brand a prime example. Created by architects and industrial designers, Alessi's everyday objects are indeed outstanding enough to be housed in the Museum of Modern Art, she says.

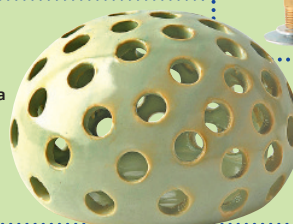
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From home to condo decor tips

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With the real estate market booming and people trading in their large homes and downsizing to condos, I thought the spring would be a good time to pass on a few design rules regarding downsizing. It can be hard giving up everything in a big house and moving to a

smaller space, but you don't have to give up your style or comforts just because you are giving up a large place for a small one.

You can't take it all!

Moving from a large home to a smaller sized space means you can't take everything with you. Consider re-purposing many of your favorite furniture pieces: The china cabinet can now be used as a bookcase in the living or den; a wing-back chair from the family room can be slipcovered and used in the corner of the bedroom; and of course artwork, rugs and mirrors can be re-used in different areas of your new home.

Size matters!

Here is a list of a few key pieces that will make a small space live larger: Expandable dining table; on a daily basis they sit four and when extended family or friends visit they can seat six to 10. Condensed sofa; usually around six feet long, its slightly smaller than a regular sofa, but longer than a love seat so that three people can sit comfortably. Remember that a skirted sofa will visually look heavier than one with an exposed leg and that foam cushions offer more support than feather cushions. Parson-style dining chairs; these upholstered chairs are practical for



A few old and a few new furniture pieces help to create a stylish new condo.

dining and then are easily moved into the living room as a comfy chair. I suggest purchasing them in sets of at least eight; slipcover a few of them and use them in spare bedrooms or home offices. A good place to start is casalife.com; they specialize in small space furniture.

What not to bring:

There are certain things that usually just won't work in a new, smaller space; here's my list: Oversized glass-topped coffee tables, large armoires, the unused piano, updated lighting, trendy coloured area rugs (think dusty rose or lavender) and old draperies are always a no-no to bring when downsizing. The best place to sell off your treasures are at

garage and yards sales, or online. Check out Kijiji.ca when selling furnishing and home goods. It's a free, community-based website that helps to link sellers to buyer.

How to decorate:

Choose a neutral colour that you like in your existing furnishings and use it when purchasing new, updated pieces. Don't be afraid to mix styles; a queen anne style china cabinet and dining table can look fantastic with new modern chairs and a traditional four poster bed can look great with modern side tables and lamps. Only bring scale and size appropriate furnishings. Consider clean-lined window treatments rather than traditional draperies in your new space. Moving

"Check out Kijiji.ca when selling furnishing and home goods. It's a free, community-based website that helps to link sellers to buyer."

to a smaller space is the perfect time to update your audio and visual equipment; replace the large boxy with a streamlined plasma and replace the mammoth floor speakers with wall and ceiling mount ones.

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Jumper to it

The one-piece is back and versatile as ever

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

The last time you wore one your hair was probably in pigtails, you had at least four missing teeth, and your family computer was the size of a small refrigerator.

Yes, we're talking jumpers. They're here, they're everywhere, and they're a more versatile alternative to the sundress. For tips on how to wear this one-piece staple and make sure you look sexy — not six — we turned to a pair of fashion experts.

CityLine style expert Lynn Spence happens to believe the jumper revival is a good thing. "Think of the things you can do with it," she says. "It's sort of a modified dress, but it doesn't feel like a dress so you don't feel so formal."

Spence suggests sticking to jumpers in darker, more

neutral colours, like charcoal or black, and avoiding anything too feminine or ladylike. "First of all, wearing them with a delicate heel is a mistake," she says. "I would see them with a knee-length boot, or a chunky heel instead. (Also) you can't do a perfect little bag; instead try a messenger bag that goes from shoulder to hip, or something fun like a faux python skin bag."

Because jumpers are such a strong piece, accessories can make or break — or your entire look. That's why Spence recommends going bigger and better when it comes to your jewelry. "You can do great strong silver and gold chain link ac-

cessories, big crosses, that kind of thing," she says. "And you can make it a bit pretty by pairing a chiffon blouse with a fabulous leather jacket."

As for choosing the right jumper for your body type, one size most certainly does not fit all. Spence advises sticking to an a-line cut if you're heavier on the bottom, and staying away from jumpers that skim the body unless you're narrow hip.

Janine Furtado, marketing and press co-ordinator at French Connection, says her favourite thing about jumpers is the ability to go from day to night with a few simple change ups. "It's an essential piece because you can do so much with it, especially when you have a classic black jumper," she says. "Take it from the beach with a great pink straw hat and simple flats, then swap it with a necklace and some heels and you can easily go from day to night."

Whatever your personal style preference, you should be able to slip into a slinky jumper and still look like you graduated from junior high. That's why Spence is happy to see so many young celebrities like actress Eliza Cuthbert and singer Rihanna decked out in an array of one-piece wonders. "I think the moment you see them photographed on a woman, or you see them on TV and you see how amazing they look, streamlining them will make any woman feel more comfortable with them."

Because jumpers are such a strong piece, accessories can make or break your outfit. For an on-trend look, try pairing it with a chunky heel and messenger bag. Pictured: Halter jumpsuit with drawstring hem, \$69.99, Winners.



Jewelry by Trump

Even the rich and famous enjoy a bargain. Forty-year-old model Melania Trump (wife of Donald) is launching line of affordable jewelry on QVC. Each item in the Melania Timepieces & Jewelry collection costs less than \$200. The line is broken up into three categories inspired by places Trump calls home: New York, Palm Beach and Paris. The New York items are created with a businesswoman in mind; Palm Beach is more sporty, and Paris is more flashy and glamorous.

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Printed jumper, \$158, French Connection



Denim one piece, \$39.99, Winners



Right: Theory jumper, \$340, available at Holt Renfrew.

Jumper rules

Lynn Spence's jumper cheat sheet:

- Avoid anything too delicate or feminine
- Try big, chunky jewelry
- Stick with dark, neutral colours
- For a chic, breezy summer look, pair a jumper with a simple white T-shirt
- To dress it up, try a chiffon blouse, or a three-quarter length sleeve under a leather jacket



Beaded jumper, \$148, French Connection

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Damon child

Matt Damon and his wife Luciana are set to welcome a fourth child to the family. Luciana, 34, is due in the fall. "Everybody's really happy," a rep for Damon, 39, says.

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⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙ A CLASSIC; ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙ EXCELLENT; ⊙⊙⊙⊙ GOOD; ⊙⊙ FAIR; ⊙ POOR

Hole finds old Love

Hole

Album: Nobody's Daughter

Label: Universal

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙

IT'S HARD TO remember, but Courtney Love used to be a pretty good singer. She's more known for her unseemly antics these days, but in the mid-'90s she was one of grunge's more formidable songwriters. On her first record in 12 years, Kurt Cobain's widow amazingly taps into the Love of old. It's not as Nirvana-like anymore, but her throaty yell and druggy rock is mostly still in tact. It's hard not to pity Love —



when she sings "I'm overwhelmed and undersexed ... I'm too upset to show my face" you know the words really are coming from a haunted place in her soul.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Hannah Georgas

Album: This Is Good

Label: Hidden Pony

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙½

BANG BANG YOUR Dead is one of those perfect little songs that'll be hitting your radio real soon — if it hasn't already. It's about nasty school girl gossip and betrayal. With a hip dance club beat and a



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saucy lyric that will appeal to all ages, it's hard to imagine not becoming a major hit. And Hannah Georgas' debut LP contains three or four more original tracks that could easily follow, each one showing that you don't have to dumb down the music to be popular. Comparisons have already been made to Serena Ryder, Emily Haines and Feist, which just goes to show this Vancouver singer-songwriter's amazing versatility. This is not just "good," it's an excellent debut.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

B.o.B.

Album: The Adventures of Bobby Ray

Label: Grand Hustle/Atlantic

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙½

ON HIS DEBUT album, North Carolina's Bobby Ray Simmons (a.k.a. B.o.B.) uses a mixtape format that diversifies track after track. His steez is fresh and fun, rapping about a girl who pays her taxes over R&B on Nothin' On You, bringing together both Paramore's Hayley Williams and Eminem for Airplanes, Part II and sampling Vampire Weekend with Janelle Monae on The Kids. B.o.B. does occasion-



Nobody's Daughter is the first new album from Hole in 12 years.

ally falter, trying to get high with label boss T.I. on Bet I and looking foolish as a balladeer on Lovelier Than You. But like Kanye and Kid Cudi before him, his boredom with simply being a hip-hop artist is an asset that should give us

many more adventures as enjoyable as this one.

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A third instalment of The Ring is to be made. Paramount is planning on making a 3-D version of the horror movie, which is being titled Ring 3-D. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Some kind of monster

Haley revives Freddy Krueger in Nightmare reboot

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Metro World News

Despite what his recent roles might suggest, Jackie Earle Haley is a very nice guy.

Since his career-reviving role as a child molester in Little Children, he's skulked the big screen as a misanthropic vigilante in Watchmen and mental patient in Shutter Island. Now he's taking over for Robert Englund as iconic horror villain Freddy Krueger in the new Nightmare on Elm Street reboot. But really, he's a nice guy.

"I think it's probably my physicality," Haley tells Metro as to why he keeps ending up in these sorts of roles.

"I also am drawn to characters that are kind of zingy. I don't have a lot of interest to show up in stuff where the



Jackie Earle Haley stars in Nightmare on Elm Street.

Nightmare On Elm Street opens tomorrow

character's just kind of laying flat, just kind of there. I like stuff that's got kind of a real interesting arc."

While exploring Freddy Krueger's arc, Haley soon realized it wasn't like any other character he'd played.

"In my research, I started to go down this road of really looking at and getting serious about it," he says. That research included studying an encyclopedia of serial

killers given to him by director Samuel Bayer.

"But then I realized, I'm playing a boogie man! I'm playing a mythical boogie man, a monster," Haley recalls. "I need to embrace that monster and embrace it inside this genre. It was incredibly freeing."

"The thing about him is he's not real. It's fiction," he says. "I embraced the fact that this guy is that character in a campfire story. For some reason we like to sit

around in the dark around the campfire when you're out in the woods and stuff and hold the flashlight up to your face and giggle while we try to scare each other. That's what makes this genre fun."

Less fun was the idea of taking over for Englund, who played Krueger in eight films and one television series.

"He is synonymous with Freddy. You mention the word, we conjure that up," Haley says.

"For me it's not a competition. You can't compete with Robert. You just do your best and accept being second-place Freddy."

Of course, taking on the role also included more practical challenges, like the six-hour sessions in the makeup chair to capture Freddy's frightening countenance.

"You just kind of sit there. There's not a lot to do," Haley says of the morning ritual. "You can't move much, not at all."

Bullock adopting, files for divorce

INTERVIEW Sandra Bullock has filed for divorce from her husband, Jesse James, and is adopting a baby boy as a single parent.

"Yes, I have filed for divorce," the 45-year-old Oscar-winning actress said in an interview with People magazine, posted Wednesday on its website. "I'm sad and I am scared."

Bullock and James, 41, began the adoption process four years ago, the People article said, and brought 3 1/2-month-old Louis Bardo Bullock home in January but decided to keep the news to themselves until after the Academy Awards.

In the interview, Bullock said she is savouring her new maternal status.

"You wake up, you feed, you burp, you play, you do laundry," she said. "I'm still in that stage where I'm just amazed with him and at life."

The baby, called Louie, is named after jazz great Louis Armstrong, who had particularly touched Bullock with



Bullock

his signature song, "What a Wonderful World," she said. The child was born in New Orleans, a city where Bullock and James had both spent time after Katrina.

Bullock said she and James sought to pull no strings as they submitted to the typically time-consuming screening process, with no thoughts to the gender or background of the child they might receive.

Bullock said she got the call that a baby might be available for adoption during what she described as "the media craziness of the awards season." Deciding to shield Louis from that turmoil, she kept his existence hidden from all but a few trusted associates and loved ones.

"Just the doctors' visits were filled with decoys and dark cars," she said.

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Community

The study group is divided after Pierce (Chevy Chase) crosses a line with Shirley (Yvette Nicole Brown), forcing the students to choose between the two. Britta and Jeff (Gillian Jacobs, Joel McHale) face a group of young bullies and their mother (guest star Lisa Rinna). Troy and Abed (Donald Glover, Danny Pudi) compile a "bucket list" of things they need to accomplish before they graduate in the new episode "The Art of Disclosure." 9 PM on NBC



Love, Sex & Eating the Bones

Relax, this movie isn't about kinky cannibals. It's a 2003 romantic comedy starring Hill Harper ("CSI: NY") as a security guard who gets through a long spell of singlehood with the help of his local adult-entertainment shop. When he finally meets a willing young lady (Marilyne N. Afflack), he discovers his porn habit has affected his ability to relate to a real woman. Ed Robertson of Barenaked Ladies also stars in director David Sutherland's first feature. 10 PM on BRVO

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Talay Thai Tofu.

Three of us have come to Talay Thai for lunch with great anticipation, as Thai food is all about flavour.

We start with a pot of comforting Green Tea (\$2) and a combination dish of Spring Rolls and Fresh Spring Rolls (\$7.50 for four). We prefer the fresh rolls, as the fried ones are greasy. Our other appetizer, Crispy Fried Noodles Mee Grob (\$10.50) is too sweet.

Our Spicy Noodle (\$12.95) isn't great either. We

On the web

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choose prawn — instead of chicken or beef but they're not fresh. The noodles are overdone and while the eggplant and basil have nice flavour, the dish is oily. Masaman Curry Chicken (\$12.95) takes the meal to another level. The chicken

is tender and the sauce is rich and delicious with a kick. It is perfect with Steamed Jasmine Rice (\$4.50 medium).

Cashew Tofu (\$11.50) proves to be our favourite: stir-fried tofu in chili paste with cashews and red and green pepper. It's spicy and scrumptious.

The restaurant is busy, but the service is prompt. That Cashew Tofu will bring me back.

Dining out

SECOND ANNIVERSARY The Carleton Music Bar & Grill, 1685 Argyle St., is celebrating its second anniversary. Reservations are recommended for evening performances including

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In brief

WINE California Wine Fair takes place Thursday, May 13, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Rd. Tickets are \$55 and go to support of Pier 21. Call 425-7770 (ext. #0),

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Joan Rivers — who's famously had plastic surgery — supports Heidi Montag, who got 10 plastic surgery operations in a day. "I think she should have started sooner," she told usmagazine.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Brangelina wedding rumours run wild

THE TABLOIDS FIGURE IF THEY KEEP WRITING ABOUT IT, THEY CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN. JUST LIKE IN THE SECRET Angelina Jolie reportedly asked Brad Pitt to marry her, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress — who earlier this month was reported to be preparing to tie the knot with her long-term partner — is said to have decided it was time to make Brad her husband during the couple's stay in Venice, where Angelina was shooting new movie *The Tourist*.

A source said: "Angelina has fallen in love with Brad all over again — and she wants to

make it official by getting married. Once she made up her mind the only thing left to do was tell

Brad."

Rumours are rife the ceremony will take place at Pitt's close friend George Clooney's Italian villa on Lake Como and the pair's oldest four children, Maddox, eight, Pax, six, Zahara, five, and three-year-old Shiloh, will have big roles on the special day.

Pitt's parents, Bill and Jane, are also said to be delighted at the news of the nuptials and are looking forward to seeing their son wed for the second time. His first wife was Jennifer Aniston.



METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lohan's dad has 'poisoned' her career, says insider

DADDY DEAREST Lindsay Lohan's dad posted on Twitter that his famous daughter has HIV, though he quickly insisted his account was hacked. But industry insiders say it's just another example of how he is poisoning Lindsay's once-promising career.

"Michael Lohan has put the last nail into Lindsay's career. It's amazing to see a father destroy the last remains of his daughter's career," a casting director tells **METRO WORLD NEWS** Popcaster.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Are Rihanna and galpal more than just friends?

WOW, SHE'S SO EDGY Speculation is swirling that Rihanna is a lot closer to her assistant, Melissa Forde, than previously thought. The pair have been getting affectionate in public, showing up to an after-party in Frankfurt hand-in-hand, according to **Bossip**. And Rihanna and Forde reportedly have matching tattoos. Rihanna has previously said in an interview, "All humans are born with the ability to be attracted to both sexes. I mean, I could see myself in a relationship with a girl."



METRO WORLD NEWS

Courtney Love: I slept with pop star's hubby

EVEN MICHAEL LOHAN IS LIKE, 'WOW, I COULD NEVER SAY ANYTHING TO DAMAGE LINDSAY'S CAREER AS MUCH AS THAT' Courtney Love claims she had an eight-month affair with Gavin Rossdale and that his wife, Gwen Stefani, knows about it. "He was such an Adonis in his day! He

got good in bed," Love told Howard Stern of her time with the former Bush front-man. "Something happened. Maybe Gwen taught him, for all I know." When Stern asked if this was when Rossdale and Stefani were already together, Love said, "Yes. She does know."



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'Dancing' co-star apologizes for insulting Gosselin

WHAT HE REALLY MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT SHE NEEDS A PSYCHIATRIST Dancing With the Stars' Louis van Amstel is ready to make amends with Kate Gosselin after saying she "needs a psychologist."

"I want to apologize to Kate. I really do. She grew on all of us so much," van Amstel told usmagazine.com. "What I was meaning to say is that dance is like therapy," he explained. "It's such a

great way to use movement without having to talk about it — just move and go to a certain place. That's what I said and that was what Kate needed."

Van Amstel, 37, says "it was hard" for Gosselin, 35, to hear criticism from the judges. Bruno Tonioli slammed her for moving on the dance floor like a "shopping cart."



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New Hollywood couple pretends to play coy

WHAT? THEY'RE ACTORS. IT'S WHAT THEY DO After sightings last week prompted speculation Josh Hartnett and Abbie Cornish are now an item, the pair seemed to confirm the rumours when they popped up at Channing Tatum's 30th birthday party in New York City, according to **Page Six**. "They turned up after midnight," a source says. "They definitely looked like a couple."

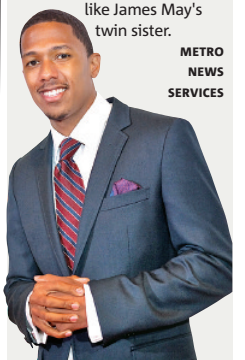


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Today, **NICK CANNON** adorably thinks the Lohans want privacy, **SAMANTHA RONSON** is tired, and **STEPHEN FRY** needs a trim. **@NickCannon** We have to remember that at the end of the day this is a family matter that the Lohans have to deal with. All we can do is pray for them. **@samantharonson** All i've been thinking about since I woke up is how long til i can go back to sleep. **@stephenfry** Oh dear. My hair is simply too long. I look like James May's twin sister.



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No wedding date set for Cowell

NOW WE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE WAITING TO SEE HOW MANY IDOL CONTESTANTS WILL BE SINGING AT HIS RECEPTION Despite earlier reports that Simon Cowell and fiancée Meaghan Hossain would be tying the knot by September, the American Idol judge says there's no date set.

"Wedding, what wedding? In spite of various people claiming to be making arrangements for our wedding, no such plans exist," Cowell tells *Reveal* magazine.

"Nothing is concrete and I'm not making any announcement yet. Everything is fine though, and will be sorted soon."



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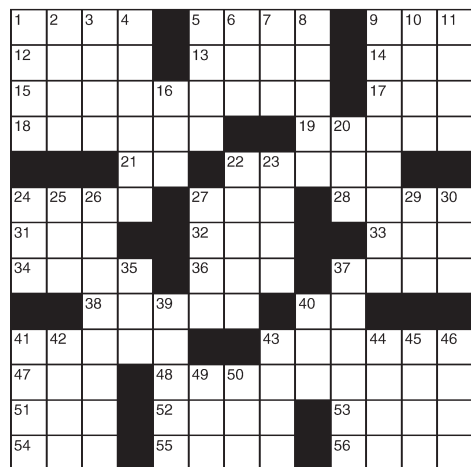
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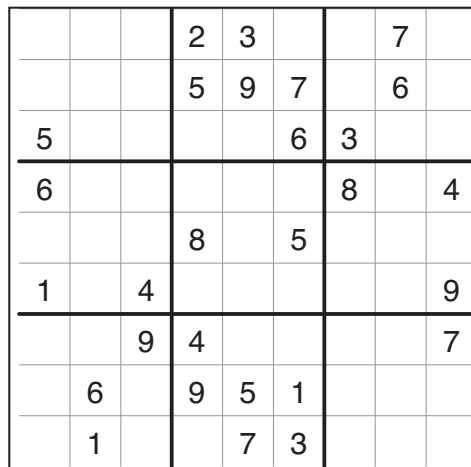
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Finger-lickin' Ribs

INGREDIENTS:
1 to 1.5 kg pork loin back ribs or spareribs, cut into 2-rib portions
1 medium-size yellow onion, chopped
1/4 cup orange juice
1/2 cup chili sauce
1 tbsp molasses
1 tsp grated orange rind
1/2 tsp dry mustard
1/4 tsp ground cloves
1/8 tsp ground cayenne pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Place pork ribs, bone side down, in large shallow baking pan. Bake for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours or until tender. Drain off fat.

2. Meanwhile, in small pot, combine onion and orange juice.

3. Cook over moderate heat 5 minutes or until

onion is tender.

4. Stir in chili sauce, molasses, orange rind, mustard, cloves, and cayenne pepper. Bring to boil.

5. Set aside half of chili sauce mixture. Brush ribs with some of remaining chili sauce mixture.

6. Bake for 15 minutes more, brushing once or twice with chili sauce mixture.

7. Serve ribs with reserved chili sauce mixture.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Imagine that you are a completely different person. That's a lot of imagining for one day but what you learn about life will be worth the effort.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Venus in your fellow Air sign of Gemini makes this one of the best times of the year for you, but other aspects warn that your ego is fragile.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

The idea of changing your routines may give you nightmares but today's cosmic picture urges you to look at arranging your affairs differently.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

You feel good about yourself at the moment. You always feel good when you're in love.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Act as if what you imagine today will be your reality tomorrow. Don't ask yourself what is possible, ask yourself what it is you really want to do.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

You may be in tune with the spirit of the times but not everyone wants to move ahead at a breakneck speed. Accept that fact today.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

This will be an exciting day for you, the kind of day when you discover new things about the world and the people you share it with.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

What inspires you? Whatever it is that is what you should be focusing on now, even if it means neglecting other things for a while.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

Where do you really belong? What do you most want to be doing? These are the kind of questions you will be asking today.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

It may seem as if you are moving in one direction and loved ones are moving in the opposite direction, but looks can be deceptive.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

"Passion" and "Virgo" are not words that always go easily together but something or someone will inspire you today.

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